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TO AMEMBASSY BONN

INFO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT

REF: ASUNCION 4785 (NOT RPTD BONN)

1. ASUNCION REFTEL CONTAINS BACKGROUND ON POSSIBLE KIDNAP-
PING THREAT TO U.S., ISRAELI AND FRG AMBASSADORS. THREAT
NOW SEEMS LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN A FABRICATION.

2. LAST PARA REFTEL QUOTED FYI QUOTE: VON SOTHEN, WHO
DEPARTS EARLY NEXT MONTH TO RETIRE, IS VISIBLY RATTLED.
SYMPTOMATIC OF HIS CONFUSED STATE OF MIND WAS HIS REQUEST
TO US NOVEMBER 18 TO HAVE USG INFORM FRG ABOUT POSSIBLE
ATTACK AGAINST HIM. HE SAID HE HAD NOT DONE SO HIMSELF FOR
FEAR IT WOULD BE VIEWED BY BONN AS LAST DITCH EFFORT TO
INFLATE HIS OWN IMPORTANCE ON EVE OF RETIREMENT. WE DID
NOT COMMENT ON HIS REQUEST; LEAVE IT TO DEPARTMENT WHEHTER
IT CONSIDERS MATTER SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO PASS ON WORD TO
FRG. END QUOTE.

3. AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION MATTER MAY BE DISCUSSED IN LOW
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KEY WITH FRG FOREIGN OFFICE, PERHAPS BY POINING OUT

IMPORTANCE OF SHARING INFORMATION ON TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

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